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### **Arcare media statement**

Unfortunately, South East Queensland is no longer immune from the second wave of coronavirus infections that are sweeping Victoria, with six people in the broader South Brisbane community having tested positive to COVID-19.

As a result, the Queensland State Government has made directions to help prevent further community transmission of the virus. One of the measures they have made is to put all residential aged care providers in South Brisbane into preventative lockdown and to restrict visitors to exceptional circumstances only – such as those nearing end of life.

Arcare fully supports these measures which will be an important part of our ongoing approach to protecting our team members and the health and well-being of our vulnerable residents and their families.

We confirm that:

- **All Arcare residences in Brisbane North and Brisbane South, the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast are now back into preventative lock-down.**
- **Our Townsville residence is exempt for now.**
- Visits to our Brisbane North and Brisbane South, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast residences are only allowed in exceptional circumstances such as residents nearing end of life.
- We will do everything we can to limit team members from working between different Arcare residences.
- All visiting doctors and other health professionals will be required to wear full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) if coming to a residence.
- We are practicing infection control measures as guided by the Queensland Public Health Unit.
- Arcare has adequate supplies of PPE for all residences.

**Please note: there are no Arcare residences in Queensland with any cases of coronavirus (either residents or team members).**

We will be monitoring the situation very closely and we hope to change aspects of this preventative lockdown for some areas across South East Queensland as more information comes to hand from the Government or Public Health Unit.

We will be posting all media statements on our website, which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

**Statement attributed to Colin Singh - Chief Executive Officer**